

REMARKS

Telephonic Notification. The Examiner called applicants' agent on Wednesday, 12 April 2006, stating that in view of applicants' last filed Response and Amendment, all pending claims were allowable, provided that applicants submit a signed Terminal Disclaimer in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,331,393 (December 18, 2001).

Applicants thank the Examiner for consideration of applicants' last Response and Amendment, and for the indication of allowable claims.

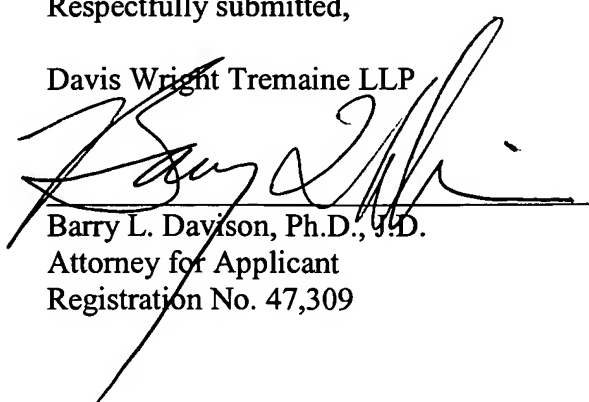
Terminal Disclaimer

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 27-32, 38-43, 50-55 and 61-67 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable in view of claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,331,393 (December 18, 2001) (Office Action of 30 June 2005, at pages 15-16). Applicants submit herewith the requested Terminal Disclaimer signed by applicants' authorized agent.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's double-patenting rejection, and allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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